Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Kadoka, South Dakota, formerly known as the townsite of Willard, came into existence in 1906, along the tracks of the Milwaukee Railroad; and,

WHEREAS, "Kadoka" was derived from the Sioux word "Hodoka", meaning "hole in the wall" (of the Badlands); and,

WHEREAS, Early Kadoka pioneers included newspaper editors Harry Hammond and Frank Coye, postmistress Lenore McCarthy, roads agent Joe Pease, restaurant owners Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keiling, bankers Martin Johnson and Oscar Stuart, and rooming house operators "Queenie" and Georgia Parker; and,

WHEREAS, Many of Kadoka's first settlers came by railroad, and some by team and covered wagon, crossing the Missouri River by ferry; and,

WHEREAS, Kadoka's wild west traditions enabled it to survive and prosper through the county division fight with Stanley County and the battle over the county seat; and,

WHEREAS, The community pride in towns like Kadoka contributes greatly to the high quality of life in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, Kadoka residents are celebrating 75 years of being the friendly town at the gateway to the Badlands:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 19, 20, and 21,.1981, as

KADOKA CENTENNIAL DAYS

In South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE